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METHOD OF FORMING A PATTERNED THIN FILM FOR A THIN-FILM MAGNETIC
HEAD

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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references JP 11-274600 and English language reference 09/517,580 are discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. Non-English language reference 4, 5 and 6 correspond to references 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

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